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Town waterline leak disrupts traffic

Grubb Street was closed for repairs

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

A simple one day waterline break repair job turned into a week-long road closure that lasted through the Christmas holiday when a water leak was discovered underneath railroad tracks on Grubb Street.

Town manager John Christensen said the water leak was first discovered Dec. 20 when water was

seen bubbling up between train rails at the railroad crossing on Grubb Street. Several pipes are underneath the tracks including pipes that carry water, sewer and even natural gas.

"Through the process of elimination (cutting the utility off to see if the pipe still leaked) we were able to determine that it was in fact a six inch water main leaking," Christensen said.

Crews dug pits in the roadway to install valves on both sides of the leak thereby isolating the area to be repaired so that water

customers on either side of the tracks would have water while the repair job was being completed.

Luckily, the railroad already had large cranes in the area working to install electrical poles alongside the track for Dominion Power.

"The cranes were able to remove the rails so that we could excavate to the water main and pull it out," Christensen said.

On Thursday, crews were busy in the cold temperatures filling trenches and repairing the roadway with

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Grubb Street was closed for about a week to repair a waterline leak underneath the railroad tracks. The tracks were taken up, waterline repaired, and the tracks relaid before the street could be reopened.

rock. The railroad crew, however, was not available to relay the railroad tracks until Monday.

Traffic was rerouted around Dobbs Street during the road closure.



Fire victim dies at hospital

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A Hertford man pulled from his burning home by firefighters Tuesday morning has died.

Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos said Burrell Roary, Jr., 64, died in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital's burn trauma unit Wednesday morning.

Amos said the medical examiner believes Roary died from a combination of smoke inhalation and super-heated gasses burning the lungs.

Firefighters responded to the house fire at 325 N. Market Street around midnight early Tuesday morning and heard Roary screaming from inside the home. Through an open door, they saw him lying on a floor surrounded by flames.

Three Hertford firefighters rushed into the burning house and pulled Roary to safety. He was treated by Perquimans EMS, and transported to Albemarle Hospital where he was flown by Nightingale helicopter to the Norfolk hospital.

The blaze was brought under control within 20 minutes.

Amos, who investigated the blaze, said the fire was caused by an overturned space heater in the bathroom.

The heater's exposed wires were lying against a section of PVC pipe leading to the bathroom sink, Amos said.

Let it snow, let it snow



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jacob and Emma Nixon, children of Lee Ann and Jonathan Nixon, enjoy the snow that fell last weekend during the Christmas holiday. Officials estimate around 10 inches of snow fell in Perquimans County over the weekend.

Storm drops 8-10 inches on county

By CATHY WILSON
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Local officials estimate up to 10 inches of snow fell in Perquimans County over the weekend, making efforts to get around the county difficult.

Jarvis Winslow, the county's emergency management director, said he estimates between 8-10 inches fell in the county from Saturday until Monday. Unconfirmed reports indicate as much as 12 inches fell in areas of the county closer to Gates County.

"But, all in all, for a snow storm, it was pretty quiet," Winslow added.

Local and state police worked numerous accidents around the county, but no serious wrecks

were reported, Winslow said.

Members of the Perquimans Sheriffs Department not only worked emergency calls, but also transported dispatchers to and from work at the county's emergency communications office.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said both he and officers driving 4-wheel drive SUVs manned the county during the storm Sunday and Monday.

"We picked up dispatchers and took them to work, took them to get food, and took them home after work," Tilley said. "It was a mess out there."

In addition to working numerous traffic accidents, sheriff's deputies also aided



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

See SNOW, 5 The snowfall made a pretty backdrop for the birds.

WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 56 LOW: 40
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 63 LOW: 48
PARTLY SUNNY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 54 LOW: 33
SHOWERS

Residents can now recycle electronics

From staff reports

County residents will now have a place to recycle electronics and television sets, thanks to a state grant.

Beginning after Jan. 1, a 16-foot recycling trailer for electronics and TV's will be located at the Highway 17 North Convenience Site located in Perquimans County.

Trailers will also be located in neighboring Chowan and Gates counties: the Soundside Drive Convenience (Recycling) Site in Chowan and the

Sunbury Convenience Site on Highway 32 North in Gates.

A fourth trailer will be available to collect recyclables at local events and in the towns.

The new trailers are the result of a 2010 Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant from the North Carolina Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance received by the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates (PCG) Landfill Commission.

The grant covers 80 percent of the cost of improve-

ments associated with this recycling program.

The trailers should be in place just in time to collect old electronics from residents who received new ones for Christmas.

"We are encouraging people to clean out their attics and closets and bring us their old electronics and TV's," said Brad Gardner, PCG Landfill manager.

"We will take a wide variety of electronic equipment - everything from computers to game



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Brad Gardner, PCG Landfill manager, and Ann Blindt, Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Recycling Coordinator, eagerly start disposing of electronics and televisions in the new recycling container at the U.S. 17 North Convenience Center in Perquimans County.

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